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**HB 2238: ballot drop boxes; prohibition**  
**Sponsor: Representative Hoffman, LD 12**  
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**Overview**

Stipulates that a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may not use an unmonitored drop box for voted early ballots.

**History**

Any election that is called pursuant to the laws of this state must provide for early voting and any qualified elector may vote by early ballot ([A.R.S. § 16-541](#)). The early ballot must be prepared for use in the precinct where the applicant resides and is required to be identical to regular official ballots, except that it must have printed or stamped on it “early” ([A.R.S. § 16-545](#)). After the voter marks the ballot, the ballot must be folded in order to conceal the vote and be deposited in the envelope provided for the voted ballot. Together with the affidavit, the ballot must be delivered or mailed to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections or deposited at any polling place in the county ([A.R.S. § 16-548](#)).

**Provisions**

1. Prohibits a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections from using an unmonitored drop box for the receipt of voted early ballots. (Sec. 1)

**Amendments**

Committee on Government & Elections

1. Removes the specification that the prohibition on unmonitored drop boxes applies to *early* ballots.
2. Stipulates that this prohibition does not apply to a ballot drop box that is located inside a voting center, polling place, office or other location or facility at which people are voting or is used by the county recorder and election staff is present and monitoring the ballot drop box.
3. Prohibits, except as required by federal and state law, the county recorder from providing or allowing a voter to receive and vote a ballot from a vehicle or other conveyance.

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